

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN
5 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 3, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE USING
6 PROPERTY AS AN INALIENABLE RIGHT."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **Section 1.** Article II, section 3, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

11 **"Section 3. Inalienable rights.** All persons are born free and have certain inalienable rights. They
12 include the right to a clean and healthful environment and the rights of pursuing life's basic necessities, enjoying
13 and defending their lives and liberties, acquiring, possessing, using and protecting property, and seeking their
14 safety, health and happiness in all lawful ways. In enjoying these rights, all persons recognize corresponding
15 responsibilities."

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17 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Two-thirds vote required.** Because [section 1] is a legislative proposal
18 to amend the constitution, Article XIV, section 8, of the Montana constitution requires an affirmative roll call vote
19 of two-thirds of all the members of the legislature, whether one or more bodies, for passage.

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21 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Submission to electorate.** [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified
22 electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2024 by printing on the ballot the full title of
23 [this act] and the following:

24 ☐ YES on Constitutional Amendment ____.

25 ☐ NO on Constitutional Amendment ____.

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